

## RESOLUTION

TO RECOMMEND A STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE PRACTICABILITY OF COAST GUARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS

Whereas, the United States has an obligation under International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended in 1995 (STCW 95) to ensure that all American merchant mariners comply with the Convention by 2002; and

Whereas, Coast Guard, as an operator of U.S. naval vessels, has an obligation to review our compliance with the Convention and to ensure that the Coast Guard Fleets comply so far as is reasonable and practicable;

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees recommends that the Assistant Commandants for Operations, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Human Resources, and Systems, supported by the Academy and the Training Centers, conduct a study to compare the current Cutter Training and Qualification programs to the standards of STCW 95, to identify potential areas of compliance and non-compliance, to identify the implications of potential non-compliance, and to recommend whether it is reasonable and practicable for the Coast Guard Fleets to attain compliance with STCW 95.

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